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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$900,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.  
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Hongkong.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
Shanghai.....E. W. CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1881.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES AT:  
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.  
Messrs C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. SCHWEDLIN, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.  
At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being added to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. F. D. RUSSELL is hereby authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, September 22, 1881. no22

### NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED myself as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style of HERBERT DENT & Co.

HERBERT F. DENT.  
Canton, September 1, 1881. del

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOC & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13a02

## Auctions.

SALE OF PORCELAIN WARE AND CURIOS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 24th September, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,

A LARGE COLLECTION OF PORCELAIN WARE AND CURIOS, comprising—

HANDSOMELY PAINTED CHINA VASES, OLD CHINESE NATURAL AND K'WANG CHOW VASES, PUNGS, BOWLS, CANDY DISHES, DYNASTY, DESSERT AND BREAKFAST SETS; UMBRELLA STANDS, EGG SHELL WARE, MARBLE AND PORCELAIN SCREENS, WOOD CARVINGS AND ORNAMENTS, BRONZES, RARE HAWTHORN BOWLS, CURIOS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, previous to the Sale.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 21, 1881. se24

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

AT HOLLYWOOD ROAD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE OF SALE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to offer FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

AT NOON,

On MONDAY,

the 3rd day of October, 1881, at his Office, at Victoria, Hongkong,

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situated and lying at Victoria, in the Island and Colony of Hongkong, and fronting on HOLLYWOOD ROAD, measuring on the North-East Side 105 Feet, on the North-West Side 37 Feet, on the South Side 27 Feet, and on the South-West Side 33 Feet, registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 2051, together with the MESSUAGES or TENEMENTS thereon erected, and known as Nos. 97 and 99, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and Nos. 123 and 4, No. KWAI FONG LANE, and all APPURTENANCES thereto, for the residue of a Term of Nine hundred and Ninety-nine years, created by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 3rd August, 1850, at the Yearly Crown Rental of £5.5.7.

TERMS OF SALE.—20 per Cent. of the Purchase Money to be paid at the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of Assignment. Expenses of Assignment to be paid by the Purchaser. The Property to be at the Purchaser's risk from the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,

Hongkong, Vendor's Solicitors;

or, to the Undersigned,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 17, 1881. oc3

## To Let.

GODOWNS-TO LET.

PRAYA EAST AND WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

## TO LET.

ROOMS IN OLIVE CHAMBERS; Possession from 1st October Next.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 9, 1881.

## TO LET.

No. 2, Old Bailey Street

And, No. 6, Peddar's Hill.

Also, No. 9, Sanyou Terrace.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1881.

## NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts.....\$16 per 1 doz. Case. Pints.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

### FOR SALE.

J. & B. LAURENT FRERES' Best COGNAC.....No. 1 Gold Capsule. Do. Do. No. 1 Silver Capsule. ADNET SEWARD & GIBB'S CLARETS. CHATEAU BEAUX MOULIN in Quarts. And, LAURENT in Pints and Quarts. Also, FLOWER & Sons' Bottled ALE. SPARKLING HOOG. SPARKLING MOSELE. NERSTHEIMER. RUDESHHEIMER. LEIBFRAUMILCH. STEINWEIN.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1881.

### FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in fairly good condition).

Apply to

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

### FOR SALE.

6,000 ENFIELD RIFLES. 900 ASSAULT RIFLES. Apply to

D. MUSSO & Co.

Hongkong, September 5, 1881. oc5

## Intimations.

FURNISHED OR UN-FURNISHED BEDROOM WANTED.

Address, stating Terms, &c., "B. K.," China Mail Office.

Hongkong, September 10, 1881. se26

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS Contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1881, on or before September 30th, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 30, 1881. oc1

WINDSOR HOUSE, Nos. 18 and 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished HOTEL commands a fine view of the Harbour and Shipping; and the building is surrounded by a large Verandah, which makes this resort the most comfortable in the East. Charges.—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Porter to land and ship baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co. Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned to Hongkong, and he will now remain here permanently.

Hongkong, July 21, 1881.

THE SAFEST AND ONLY RELIABLE PREPARATION OF PHOSPHORUS.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.—Best known remedy for Nervousness, Indigestion, Liver Complaint, and all Functional Derangements; extensively used in the Army and Navy, and highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.—Only reliable Remedy for Weak and Shattered Constitutions, Nervous Debility, Depression, Lassitude, Pimples, Impoverished Blood, premature Decline, &c.; thoroughly re-establishes general bodily health.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.—Preparation on principle whereby all possible risk is entirely prevented. Avoid Phosphorus Pills, Lozenges, &c., which frequently contain Solid Particles of Phosphorus, which accumulate in the system, producing Necrosis and other serious evils.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.—Beware of worthless imitations. Being prepared from Phosphate Formulas they are absolutely unreliable and in some cases positively dangerous.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.—Sold by all Chemists throughout the globe.

Refuse useless substitutes.

Agents:—WATSON & Co., Hongkong Dispensary.

WATSON, CLARKE & Co., Shanghai Pharmacy.

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ENTERICON

ENTERICON gives Immediate Relief to Indigestion, Lowness of Spirits, Wind in the Stomach, Giddiness, Palpitation of the Heart, &c.

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ENTERICON is warranted not to contain in any form, Mercury, Opium, Elixer, Arsenic, Strichnine, or any deleterious Drug whatever.

Sold by all Wholesale and Retail Drug-gists throughout the Civilized World.

Sold in China by

WATSON & Co., Hongkong Dispensary.

WATSON, CLARKE & Co., Shanghai.

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## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE Duties of the above School are Resumed from the 19th Instant. Particulars can be had from the HEAD MASTER, St. Paul's College.

All Fees will be collected by the Treasurer.

Hongkong, September 17, 1881. se24

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of RAMON NICASIO OKOZOO, a Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a MEETING OF CREDITORS of the above Estate will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 28th September, 1881, at 11 a.m., at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, for the purpose of submitting a Statement of the Estate of the Bankrupt, and of the Receipts and Payments, and for declaring a Dividend.

C. F. A. SANGSTER, Acting Registrar.

and ex-Officio Official Assignee.

Hongkong, September 17, 1881. se24

## NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB is hereby convened (under Rule 30), to take place at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Confirming the Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 16th Instant, a Copy of which Resolution is posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order of the General Committee,

EDWARD BEART, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1881. se30

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1880, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th to 30th Inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1881. se30

TUITION IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

by

MONSIEUR LOUIS PIRON, Sr.; SINGING (CULTURE OF THE VOICE)

by

MONSIEUR EUGENE PIRON, Jr. 44, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, August 30, 1881.

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this OFFICE.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

AH-YON & Co., SHIP'S COMPRADORE, STEVEDORE,

BALLAST AND WATER SUPPLIER, Hongkong and Whampoa, of the same Proprietors.

Keep on hand and for Sale, well assorted Oilman's Stores and Coal of all kinds.

Shipping supplied at the shortest notice with all kinds of Ballast and fresh Provisions at moderate charges.

F59, WING HING STREET.

Hongkong, June 15, 1881. 1ja82

## Insurances.

LE CERCLE—TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....3,750,000 "

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1880. 37a01

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances at follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WIRE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.



## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE,  
Es French Mail Steamer  
"Amazon."

Finest FRENCH BUTTER in Kilo Bottles.  
NORRIS PRATT'S VERMOUTH.

Es "Agamemnon."  
Regulation LIFE BELTS.  
Do. LIFE BUOYS.  
BATH BRICKS, SHOE BLACKING.  
Hussack's PAINTS and OILS.

Es S. S. "Ulysses."  
Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 and 10 catty boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

Es "Highlander."  
At WHOLESALE PRICES.  
200 kegs Fine American FURNISHING  
NAILS, No. 3 to 12.

50 barrels Prime American Mess PORK.  
50 " Philadelphia Extra BEEF.  
200 " Finest Strained ROSIN.  
300 " " " BITUMEN.  
150 cases SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.  
100 barrels DRIED APPLES.  
600 cases FLORIDA WATER.  
50 barrels American TAR.  
15 " LAMP GLASS.  
50 cases American CLOCKS.

COTTON DUCK, CANE BEEF, MUTTON,  
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, CORN,  
TOMATOES, Corned BEEF, Condensed  
MILK, TOMATO CATSUP, HANDSPIKES,  
OAKUM, ASH OARS, MAPLE, ASH,  
and White Pine PLANKS.

Es "Abbie Carter."  
Florence COOKING STOVES,  
STEAMERS and BRAILERS.  
CORN BROOMS.  
India Rubber KNEE BOOTS.  
AGATE WARE, in every variety of Kitchen Utensils.  
Spartan COOKING STOVES.  
BOURBON WHISKY.

Es Steamers and Suez Canal.  
DOUGLAS OFFICE CHAIRS.  
Messrs GARDNER & Co.'s PERFORATED  
VENEER.  
HIGH REVOLVING OFFICE CHAIRS.  
HIGH BACK OFFICE CHAIRS.  
ROCKING FOLDING CHAIRS.  
DINING-ROOM CHAIRS.  
LADIES' ROCKING CHAIRS.

The above we can highly recommend for  
office and domestic use, being admirably  
adapted to this climate.

Es "Gleniffer."  
CROSE & BLACKWELL'S AND OTHER  
HOUSEHOLD STORES.

TEYSSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
SAVOY PATE.  
GAME PATE.  
PORK PATE.  
OX PALATES.  
HUNG (Hambro) BEEF.  
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.  
FRUITES for Ices.  
SHERBET.

COCOATINA.  
VAN HOUTE'S COCOA.  
ERR'S COCOA.  
ROUSSEAU'S GHOATS.  
GELATINE.

Russian OX-TONGUES.  
French PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SARDINES.  
Ham TONGUE and  
Chicken SAUSAGE.

Breakfast BACON.  
ASPARAGUS.  
MAGGIORI.  
VERMONT.  
MEATS.  
SOUPS, &c., &c.  
COPYING PRESSES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
Bonesless CODFISH.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Rusian CAVIARE.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PRAOCH, and APPLE BUTTER.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.  
Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.  
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.  
Bean and Lent SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
" Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
" Stuffed PEPPERS.  
" Assorted PICKLES.  
" MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
Lunch TONGUE.  
Assorted American STROUS, for Sum-  
mer Dinners.  
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Codfish BALLS.  
Green TURTLE in 2 lb cans.

CALIFORNIA  
CRACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical BIS-  
CUITS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.  
Ginger OAKES.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.  
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.  
RYE MEAL.

SPECIAL SELECTED  
CIGARS.  
WINES, SPIRITS, BEER AND  
AERATED WATERS.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.  
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly  
executed.  
Hongkong, August 11, 1881.

## Insurances.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.  
ESTABLISHED 1860.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at Current  
Rates. RISKS on First Class Godowns  
Reduced to 1/2 net premium per annum  
from this date.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

**THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE,  
BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for  
the above Company are prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allow-  
ing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3my82

**THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND  
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS for the above Company, are  
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE  
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual  
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

**NOTICE.**

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Is prepared to accept FIRST-CLASS RISKS at  
1/2 net per annum, and other INSURANCES  
at Current Rates.

Shareholders are reminded that the Directors  
have the power of distributing a certain  
proportion of the ascertained profits annually  
among such Shareholders as have contrib-  
uted business to the Company.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon,  
Ponang, and Manila.

A. G. STOKES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

**MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000 "

Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "

Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

**Intimations.**

**Mr. Andrew Wind,**  
News Agent, &c.

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authorized to receive Subscriptions,  
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**"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,"**  
By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH  
at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,  
CHAMBERS & Co., Hongkong, and at the  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

**SAILOR'S HOME.**

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOTS, or  
PAZZES will be thankfully received  
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**FOR AMOY.**

The Steamship  
"Emeralda," will be  
Port on MONDAY, the 26th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc25

**STEAMSHIP "IRAOUADY."**

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

**NOTICE.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Tige  
and Tige, from London, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-  
formed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium and Treasure, are being landed  
and stored at their risk at the Company's  
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 24th  
Inst., requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Fri-  
day, the 24th September, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc30

## To-day's Advertisements.

**NOTICE.**

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.**

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Volga,"

Commandant GUINARD,  
will be dispatched for  
YOKOHAMA on SUNDAY, the 25th  
Instant, at 8 a.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc25

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SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 25th  
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Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc25

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have been instructed  
by the COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF OR-  
DNANCE, China, to sell by Public Auction, on

**FRIDAY,**

the 30th day of September, 1881, at 11  
a.m., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores,  
Queen's Road East,

The following

**GOVERNMENT STORES—**

BLANKETS, CANVAS, CORDAGE, RUGS,  
SERGE, CAST AND WROUGHT IRON, LEATHER,  
COTTON, LINEN and WOOLLEN ARTICLES,  
WATERPROOF STREETS, TIMBER, TIN,  
OLD FILES, CARDS, PACKING CASES, EMPTY  
CEMENT BARRELS, LEATHER POCHES,  
BUNTING, BOAT, IRON DRUMS, HORN  
LEAVES, UNBREADED KNIVES, FORKS, BED  
MATS, CHAIR, BRASS-COOKS, GLASS, HONGKONG,  
LEAD PIPE, MARBLE, PAINTS, LEAD  
LINED, PAINTING STUFFS, SLATE SLABS, SCREWS,  
STOVES, PIPING, CLOTHES, PAINT BARRELS,  
STOCKS and DIES, WHEELBARROWS, SHOVELS,  
PICK-AXES, PARTS of LATRINES, and MIS-  
CELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

ONE IRON WATER TANK, 10,000 gallons  
Capacity.

Also,  
The following ARTICLES of CLOTH-  
ING, viz.,

BOOTS, CAPS, GAITERS, CHACOS, GREAT  
COATS, JACKETS, HATS, SOU' WESTER,  
HELMETS and TROUSERS.

On the same day, at the rear of the Artil-  
lery Barracks, near the Waterside,—

**4 BATHING RAFTS,**

comprising—

72 PORTER-HOGBEARS and FRAMEWORK.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash on delivery in  
Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7 L. 7. All  
faucils and errors of description at Pur-  
chaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.  
All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc30

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**STEAM FOR**

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, and  
MARSEILLES;

Also,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 6th of October,  
1881, Noon, the Company's  
S. S. "PRETO," Commandant PASQUALINI,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPORE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for  
the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon of 5th October.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the  
5th October, 1881. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc30

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

EDMUND PRINNEY, Amer. barque, Capt.  
John Berry.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

EVRYA DOVALS, Hawaiian ship, Captain  
Jose M. Pimentel.—Captain.

INVINCIBLE, American ship, Captain Jas.  
F. Skowen.—Borneo Company, Limited.

LOUISA, Germ. 3-masted schooner, Capt.  
Schierloh.—Edward Scheichl & Co.

OAKLAND, British steamer, Captain J.  
Payne.—Butterfield & Swire.

OCEAN, British steamer, Captain Henry  
Webster.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

PAREDO, British steamer, Captain T. S.  
Kenderdine.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

PATRICIA, German barque, Capt. V. B.  
Diadrich.—Gardiner & Co.

R. ROBINSON, American ship, Captain I.  
Smith.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHAK OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. H.  
D. Roe.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

STONEWALL JACKSON, American barque,  
Captain Joseph Swain.—Ordnance.

THE TWENTY, British ship, Captain J. M.  
Whyte.—Russell & Co.

YACHT, British barque, Captain R.  
Martin.—Furness & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.**

The Steamship  
"Albion,"

Capt. Lounwood, will be  
dispatched for the above  
Ports on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 23, 1881. sc25

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

Sept. 22, Brisbane, British steamer, 891,  
R. Craig, Sydney Aug. 29, Townsville Sept. 3,  
Cooktown, 4, Thursday Island 7, and  
Port Darwin, 12, General—Gibb, Li-  
vinston & Co.

Sept. 22, Hoi-chang-ching, Chinese gun-  
boat, from a cruise.

Sept. 23, Iroquaddy, French steamer,  
3547, Didier, Marseilles Aug. 21, Naples 23,  
Port Said 27, Suez 28, Aden Sept. 2, Gallo  
11, Singapore 17, and Saigon 20, Mails and  
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**DEPARTURES.**

Sept. 23, Yarra, for Victoria (V.I.)  
23, Glenagles, for Shanghai.  
23, Orestes, for Amoy.  
23, Norden, for Swatow.  
23, Pende, for Saigon.  
23, Lata, for Newchwang.  
23, Chen-to, Chinese g. h. for a cruise.  
23, Yuyen, for Shanghai.

**CLEARED.**

Hermes, for Newchwang.  
Laura, for Newchwang.  
Francisco, for Chefoo.  
Gustave & Marie, for Tournon.  
Prince Friedrich Carl, for Batavia.  
Nanook, for Coast Ports.  
Invincible, for London.  
Charité, for Tientsin.

**PASSENGERS.**

**ARRIVED.**

Per Brisbane, from Sydney, &c., Miss  
Draper, and 38 Chinese.

Per Iroquaddy, from Hongkong, from  
Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Messrs  
Davidson and Mrs. Fraser, from Singapore, Miss  
Amelia, and Mr. P. P. P. from Saigon, Mr.  
Renaulde, and 68 Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**

Per Orestes, for Amoy, 3 Spanish Mis-  
sionaries, Mrs. Stockwell and 2 children, and  
100 Chinese.

Per Norden, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Pende, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

Per Yuyen, for Saigon, 80 Chinese.

**TO DEPART.**

Per Gustave & Marie, for Tournon, 10 Chi-  
nese.

Per Nanook, for Coast Ports, 2 Europeans,  
and 200 Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**

The British steamer Brisbane reports:  
Left Sydney Aug. 29th, arrived at Town-  
sville Sept. 3rd, Cooktown on 4th, Thursday  
Island 7th, and Port Darwin 10th, and  
left Port Darwin at 5 a.m. on 12th. Passed  
through Brazilian Straits at 8 a.m. on 18th,  
and arrived in Hongkong at 7 p.m. on 22nd.  
Moderate S.E. wind to Port Darwin,  
thence to China Sea light variable winds  
and fine; and moderate N.E. wind and fine  
weather across the China Sea.

The German 3-masted schooner Louisa  
reports: On Sept. 19th, spoke Caroline Behn  
from Foochow to London, 2 days out, off  
Ooksee Island.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS will close—**

For SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.—  
Per Amoy, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the  
24th inst.

For MANILA.—  
Per Manila, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the  
24th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For HOIHOW, HAIPHONG, and PAK-  
HOI.—  
Per Hainan, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
24th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For YOKOHAMA.—  
Per S. S. "Volga," To-morrow, the 24th  
inst., Registry closes at 4.45 p.m.  
Mail closes at 5.00 p.m. Paid Cor-  
respondence may then be posted in  
the moveable box on board the  
Packet.

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per S. S. "Iroquaddy," on Sunday, the 25th  
inst., Registry closes at 10.45  
a.m. Mail closes at 11 a.m. Late  
Letters received from 11.10 to 11.30  
a.m. with 10 cents Late Fee. Paid  
Correspondence may then be posted in  
the moveable box on board the  
Packet.

For AMOY.—  
Per Emeralda, at 11.30 a.m., on Mon-  
day, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per Prince Heinrich, at 5 p.m., on Mon-  
day, the 26th inst.

For KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—  
Per Tokyo Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday,  
the 30th inst.

For NAGASAKI and YOKOHAMA.—  
Per Matsukawa, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednes-  
day, the 5th Oct.

For AMOY and TAMSUI.—  
Per Hainan is postponed till further  
notice.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**

The British Contract Packet *Murphy* will  
be despatched on MONDAY,  
the 3



A PAPER dated Victoria, (B.C.) August 19, (the *Colonist*) has the following item, which bears on a subject that has been the theme of innumerable silly paragraphs in the American papers:—

It is rumored that the cause which led to the quick despatch of H. M. *Stanhope*, General for the Sandwich Islands on Monday across from the fact that telegraphic information was received that it was the intention of the United States to "gobble up" "Kakakau's" kingdom. It is added that the *Stanhope* is sailing tomorrow from the South American coast, and that the ships of other naval powers have been ordered to rendezvous there.

A CRAB in the condition of General Garfield seems to have taken place just after the American Mail was made up, which was delivered here yesterday. The following are two telegrams from American papers to stand this morning which bring the news as to his condition up to the 26th.

Washington, August 22.—The unfavorable symptoms which were reported by last night continue to be, and, according to the latest bulletin, which has just been issued, very faint hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

The condition of the General is again causing much anxiety in the public mind. August 22.—The bulletin issued to-night by General Garfield's medical advisers is of a very grave character. The patient has not derived much benefit from the food which he has been able to take during the last day. Symptoms of a dangerous nature have now manifested themselves and the physician state that from the present condition of the General the worst result is to be feared.

The appended telegram is from the *Strait Times Mail Extra* of the 10th inst.:

New York, Sept. 2.—The doctors in attendance on President Garfield are discussing the advisability of removing him to his own home.

The news by the American Mail of Guatemala's attempt to escape or to murder his gaoler, or both, reduces the affair to something much less noteworthy than Reuters' telegram would naturally have led us to believe it had been.

Washington, August 17.—This morning at 4.30 o'clock, while Mr. McGill, one of the guards at the jail, was passing through the corridor, something in Guatemala's appearance attracted his attention. Entering the cell he found the assassin in possession of a knife. The prisoner, who had been occupied this morning, probably concealed the knife there, which Guatemala found. It is a substitute for a jackknife, razor or dagger blade, and is two or three inches long and half an inch broad. When McGill demanded the knife, Guatemala refused to surrender it. McGill drew a pistol, and then an exciting tussle ensued, Guatemala making every exertion to get the pistol from the guard. He succeeded after a struggle, but McGill after a strenuous exertion regained possession of it. In the scuffle that followed the weapon was charged and the report heard, the other charged and the assistance of McGill, and Guatemala was finally disarmed. He had succeeded, however, in cutting McGill's clothing pretty badly, and came very near inflicting a dangerous wound. Guatemala then attempted to be crazy, and explained that the pistol had been taken from him. All the facts indicate that Guatemala was meditating an escape, and he had formed some desperate plan. His assumption of insanity is believed to be a dodge, as he has acted as if perfectly sane all along. Later it is evident now that the facts, but misrepresented them, concerning the assault of Guatemala on the guard this morning. The only motive was that the Warden wanted to protect himself and assistants from the appearance of having relaxed with Guatemala, in having permitted him to get possession of a deadly weapon.

The following is from the *N. C. D. News* translations from the *Peking Gazette*, August 13th:

The Governor of Shanxi reports the wreck, three months ago, of the S. S. *Handsome*, belonging to the China Marine Steamship Company. She was bound for Tientsin and had on board 5812 piculs of rice for the Imperial granaries, besides a miscellaneous cargo. On the 13th of May last, while in a dense fog, she struck on a reef off the coast of Shanxi, some hundred miles from Chefoo. Half the cargo was at once thrown overboard to lighten her, but the bottom of the ship had been stayed in and she was looking badly and could not be got off the reef. The vessel, at once detached, was towed to the shore, and on May 28th and June 6th respectively two of the Company's steamers arrived from Shanghai with 200 Chinese and foreign workmen on board. These soon succeeded in removing the engines and set to work to repair the bottom of the vessel in the hope of floating her. Their labours progressed satisfactorily and were on the point of succeeding, when a violent gale came on and undid all that had been accomplished. The vessel became a pile of wreckage, and was blown to sea, to a foreigner. The damaged rice and other cargo was conveyed back to Shanghai. Memorialist observes that, although the vessel ran ashore in a fog, those in charge of her cannot fairly be accused of negligence in her management. The best insurance office (of the Company) has without doubt fixed rules under which all claims arising out of the loss of the rice and other cargo will be disposed of. —Receipt: Let the Board of Revenue take note.

#### THE GOVERNOR OF TIMOR AND THE VERY REV. FATHER GOMES.

From Lisbon papers to hand by last mail we learn that a deputation composed of the Bishop of Cape Verde, Dom Ferreira Pinto, Dr. Gerardo D'Almeida, and Mr. F. Pedreira waited on the Secretary of State for Marine and Colonies, and laid before his Lordship the documents in the case, and the wishes of the Governor of Timor towards the Very Rev. Father Gomes, with a request that an inquiry should be instituted in his matter.

The Minister replied that he was already aware of all the facts of the case, from different telegrams received from the Bishop of

On this assurance the deputation withdrew.

The above facts clearly show that the Governor of a Portuguese Colony cannot safely work his own sweet will, as it has been asserted in no uncertain sound, is the case.

We give below a translation of all the documents of this important case:—

#### I.—EXTRACT FROM A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BISHOP OF MACAO, BY THE SUPERIOR OF THE MISSIONS OF TIMOR.

My Lord.—Having just been suspended from the exercise of my functions and from its emoluments, by H. E. the Governor of this Colony for my refusal to accept the oath of the petty chief of Laleia on the act of his vassalage, I feel it incumbent on me to inform your Lordship of the unexpected as well as and avoid, thus submitting all my acts to the just appreciation of your Lordship.

After the verdict given by the Civil Court of Dilly, whereby it was declared that the petty chief, Manoel de Remondino, the rebel who caused, in the last two wars against the forces of the Portuguese Government, numerous families to regret even till today the loss of relations murdered and ordered to be murdered by him, for motives of superstition contrary to Religion, was not guilty, it was deemed a certainty that he would soon return to this place in order to swear fealty, as is customary. To several persons who spoke to me about the vassalage, I answered that I should, I felt sorry, have to refuse to take the oath of the petty chief, as the author, is a man who is publicly known to be the sacrilegious committed at Laleia, on the occasion when his troops entered the Church of that Kingdom and destroyed it.

His Excellency the Governor of this Colony, on being informed, perhaps, of my position in this matter, sent for me to Government House on the 2nd instant and there asked me if I had any doubt about taking the oath of the said petty chief, who was preparing to come to swear fealty. I answered that no Priest would take the oath of a criminal as long as he did not stone for the scandalous irreverence and disrespect with which he had offended the Catholic Religion. Then, H. E. asked me if a reconciliation of that man with the Church was possible, and I had the satisfaction of telling him that it was not only possible but very easy; as it would suffice if he proved in some way his repentance and signed a deed binding himself to rebuild the Church in his Kingdom and to submit to any salutary penance His Lordship the Bishop should think proper to apply to his case. The Governor agreed with me in my reasons, and assured me that he would advise the said petty chief to make all those acts of submission, stating to me, at the same time, that he was sure that that man would not object to any of the conditions.

Twenty-three days had elapsed when it was reported as a certainty that the petty chief was to make his reconciliation with the Church; but on the 25th inst. I went again to the Government House, at the request of the Governor, who told me that the petty chief refused to do anything. I was surprised, as several persons had assured me that he was desirous of a reconciliation and was ready to rebuild in his Kingdom a church of stone and brick; and above all because I had, a few days before, received a letter from Father Jacob, Missionary of the Kingdom (Jurisdiction of Laleia) informing me that the petty chief had been there and promised to cover with zinc or tiles the church of that locality (not yet finished), as it having been commenced in the time of ex-Governor Hugo, it had been abandoned after his departure. The Governor, however, transmitted me the news he had received from that wretched man, when he advised him to be reconciled. I gave entire faith to it, regretting truly such a rebellion. I stated to His Excellency that in such a case, a priest could not accept the oath. His Excellency asked me to make a written declaration. I begged then to call his attention to the fact that the proper formal procedure would be for me, as he was to write to me inviting me to the act of vassalage as is customary, in my answer to the invitation to present my refusal.

On the following day (26th), I received a letter of invitation which I answered; and letters were then interchanged which terminated in a despatch of His Excellency declaring me suspended from the exercise of my functions and from the emoluments of my office, as a criminal action had been instituted against me. I beg to send, herewith, all the correspondence, with which your Lordship will do what your Lordship thinks fit. On my part, I understood that, after that iniquitous despatch, based on false assertions, and signed by a man in all violence that might be made to me. And here I am, your Lordship; here I am, waiting the hour, very happy for me, when I shall be dragged, amidst bayonets, to the public jail.

Praise be to God, who grants me His divine grace to bear with a resigned mind these affronts! What causes me great sadness, your Lordship; is the pain this news will give your Lordship, and what I mourn still more is the scandal that is being exhibited to these poor people of Timor by seeing thus trampled upon, the ecclesiastical authority vested in me, and the trouble that the administration of the affairs of these Missions suffers; and, lastly, the foreboding that all this will be only the beginning of a more cruel persecution declared against the Clergy and against Religion.

#### II.—COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE EXTRACT.

(a).—From the Colonial Secretary to the Vicar of Dilly.

Office of the Colonial Secretary, Government of Timor, April 26, 1891. Civil Department, Series of 1891, No. 112.

To the Rev. Vicar of the Parish of Dilly. Rev. Sir.—In answer to your letter No. 112, which I have just received, and whereby I am invited in the name of His Excellency the Governor of Timor, to take the oath of the Holy Gospels of the Brigadier Regent of the Kingdom of Laleia, who is to swear fealty; I am very sorry to communicate to you, and you will desire to acquaint His Excellency the Governor, that for motives which I have explained to you, and in accordance with the good of the Catholic Religion, I cannot be present at the above act.

May God preserve you. FORTYRIO Z. DE SOUZA, Colonial Secretary.

(b).—From the Vicar of Dilly to the Colonial Secretary.

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(d).—From the Superior of the Missions of Timor, to the Colonial Secretary.

No. 18. Mission House at Laleia, April 27th, 1891.

(e).—From the Colonial Secretary, to the Vicar of Dilly.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Timor, Civil Department, Series of 1891, No. 113, Urgent.

Dilly, April 27, 1891.

To the Rev. Superior of the Missions of Timor.

Rev. Sir.—I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to tell your Reverence, in answer to your letter No. 17 of yesterday, wherein you allege motives quite independent of your will but in accordance with the good of the Catholic Religion, not to accept the invitation to take the oath of the Brigadier Regent of Laleia, as has been the constant practice in this district, and that your Reverence does not specify the motives of your refusal, His Excellency the Governor informs you that if the said motives be the impossibility of the official duties of your Reverence with the day and hour appointed for the performance of the above duty, it can be postponed either to another hour or day, to the above named; and so I beg your Reverence will, with the greatest expediency, give a definite answer. In case, however, the official duties of your Reverence hinder you being other than under your order to take the said oath.

May God preserve you. FORTYRIO Z. DE SOUZA, Colonial Secretary.

(f).—From the Superior of the Missions of Timor, to the Colonial Secretary.

No. 18. Mission House at Laleia, April 27th, 1891.

To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Sir.—In answer to your very pressing letter No. 114 from the Secretary's office, I beg to state to you the following, in order that you may inform His Excellency the Governor of the same. I told you yesterday, in my letter No. 17 of the present series, that, for reasons quite independent of my will but in accordance with the good of the Catholic Religion, I could not accept the invitation His Excellency the Governor ordered to be made to me to go and take the oath upon the Holy Gospels of the Brigadier Regent of Laleia; as Superior of these Missions, I am bound to add that, for the same reasons, I cannot accept any priest under my jurisdiction to accept that oath.

I abstained, and still abstain, from declaring the reasons of my refusal, because, the oath being a sacred act of Religion, it is incumbent on me, as delegate of His Lordship the Bishop, to know what circumstances are required by right for the validity or convenience of such acts; and as the presence of the Missionary is not exacted by any law, it seems to me that without any want of respect due to the first Administrative Authority, or to the submission to the law, I may not accept the invitation to those acts, whenever my conscience tells me that such a refusal tends to the uniformity of the principles of morality, and also to confirm, as much as possible, the respect for the Catholic Religion.

I acknowledge, it is true, that for a priest to go and take the oath of Regents, when they come to swear fealty; but I know as well that this usage can have some exceptions in special cases like the present. I beg to state finally that it is my personal and respectful conviction that it induces me to satisfy fully the wishes of His Excellency the Governor—that is, not to state officially the reasons that hinder me from accepting his invitation, reasons that are so well-known to the public that my presence or absence at any other Missionary house, or vassalage to take the customary oath would be a serious scandal to the Christians who are proud to be obedient sons of the Holy Church and respecters of the Catholic Religion.

It is possible that my conduct may not be well understood, but in such a case, I am bound to state that the judgment of my Prelate to whose opinion it is my purpose to submit it.

May God preserve you. FORTYRIO Z. DE SOUZA, Superior of the Missions of Timor.

(g).—From the Colonial Secretary to the Superior.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Timor, Civil Department, Series of 1891, No. 117, April 28, 1891.

To the Rev. Superior of the Missions of Timor.

Rev. Sir.—For its due execution, I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to hand you the despatch No. 50 of this date.

May God have you in His keeping. FORTYRIO Z. DE SOUZA, Colonial Secretary.

(h).—From the Colonial Secretary to the Superior of the Missions of Timor.

Office of the Colonial Secretary, Timor, Civil Department, Series of 1891, No. 115, Dilly, April 27, 1891.

To the Rev. Superior of the Missions of Timor.

Rev. Sir.—I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to tell your Reverence, in answer to your letter No. 18, of today's date, wherein you refuse to take, or to allow any other missionary to take, the oath of the Brigadier Regent of Laleia, that it is not being prescribed by Law that the said oath should be taken by a priest, he accepts the refusal, regretting very much that the long-continued practice and political necessities have been interpreted.

It is, however, in your Reverence's letter some insinuations that tend to put in doubt the legality of the acts of vassalage by your calling them contrary to morals, and scandalous towards and contrary to religion—facts which, being true, would be to induce a priest to refuse to take, or to allow any other missionary to take, the oath of fealty could not take place.

His Excellency the Governor tells you that as such phrases may be taken as a censure to his proceedings as Governor of this district, he wishes and exacts that your Reverence should explain to the public that all this is only a misunderstanding, and that you want of respect to the Authority constituted by His Majesty in the command and government of the district of Timor.

And I am, moreover, instructed by His Excellency to ask you to withdraw from the phrases that are in your letter, that is to say, "It tends not only to support the uniformity of the principles of morals, but as well to confirm as much as possible the respect due to the Catholic Religion." \* \* \*

His motives, as are so well known to all the public, that my presence or absence at any other Missionary house, or vassalage to take the customary oath would be a serious scandal to the Christians who are proud to be obedient sons of the Holy Church and respecters of the Catholic Religion.

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I received, then, a letter, No. 114, wherein I was desired to call another missionary to take the said oath, in case my official duties should hinder me from being present.

In those circumstances, my mere refusal would be quite out of place, because, it being contrary to a constant practice in this district and of political and religious convenience, it might be taken as a manifestation of disrespect towards the authorities in general, or of little interest in the welfare of Religion and Country, to the service of which I have consecrated all my strength, my soul, and my life.

I had therefore to explain the motives of the refusal I was compelled to make, which I did in my letter No. 16.

I do not think I have made any hints, as His Excellency says, tending to put in doubt the legitimacy of the act of vassalage or calling it scandalous, contrary to morals and religion. No, Mr. Secretary, I have not said so; nor did I make the least hint as to the illegality of vassalage. What I have affirmed, and a priest to take the oath, under the exceptional circumstances of the present case, would be a scandal to the Christians, and that the refusal on the part of the missionary, the principle of morals and to confirm as much as possible the respect for Religion.

His Excellency the Governor must know these truths in his inner conscience; the public knows them also, and have always been frank in their expressions in private conversation with His Excellency.

It was His Excellency himself, who told me that the Brigadier Regent of Laleia would not submit to the precepts of Religion, nor would he make a public statement by showing himself at least a respectful son of the Holy Church, and that the Catholic Christians, and the religious crimes, that are generally ascribed to him.

In view of the above statements, who will say, Mr. Secretary, that it is lawful to the Minister of Religion to take the oath of a man that despises him?

If he takes the oath of a heathen upon the Holy Gospels, can the Anointed of the Lord sanction it in a Christian who lives as if he were not so, and who declares formally that he will not submit to the precepts of a Religion to which he belongs by the regeneration of Baptism? I, Mr. Secretary, I, for my part, shall reform my opinions when my Prelate, to whom I swear and made vows of obedience, shall tell me that I have misunderstood the question.

As for the second part of your letter, wherein you not only I, as a man, am offended, but even my sacerdotal dignity and the authority I am invested with, as Superior of the Missions of this district, are utterly disregarded, I shall only say to His Excellency that, as a man and a priest, I am very glad to have an opportunity of suffering injuries for the sake of Religion, as has admirably suffered the Divine Teacher of whom I am unworthily Minister; but as the first ecclesiastical authority of this country, I do repel with all the energy of my soul, those competent



